

I support this proposal fully. The acceptance of this proposal would accomplish critical things for amateur radio. It will streamline the structure of licensing for the United States. It will end morse code as a testing requirement for amateur operation.

It is time to end morse code as a means of gaining amateur operational privileges within amateur radio. We in this country must be consistent with international standards and practices. Morse code has been used successfully by a few to limit access to public radio spectrum. Recent experience does not support the necessity of morse code as a emergency communication method. Morse code is used primarily in the amateur radio community in contesting, dx award programs, and rag chewing. During recent emergencies voice and digital were the main modes of communications used by radio amateurs.

Please act favorably on this petition as soon as possible

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